House File 486

## AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMUNITY CATALYST BUILDING REMEDIATION GRANTS FOR EMERGENCY PROJECTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. Section 15.231, subsection 2, Code 2019, is amended to read as follows:

- 2. <u>a.</u> The authority shall use moneys in the fund to provide grants to cities for the remediation of underutilized buildings. The authority may provide grants under this section using a competitive scoring process. <u>Notwithstanding subsection 3</u>, an emergency project shall be eligible for a grant under this section.
- <u>b.</u> As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires:
- (1) "Emergency project" means remediation of an underutilized building that may present a unique and immediate opportunity, or a unique and immediate threat.
- (2) "Unique and immediate opportunity" means remediation of an underutilized building is time-sensitive and remediation is reasonably expected to result in economic growth for the city in which the underutilized building is located.
- (3) "Unique and immediate threat" means remediation of an underutilized building may involve an unforeseen challenge or problem that has the potential to result in a catastrophic failure of the building's integrity and structural system.

  An unforeseen challenge or problem may include an act of

nature such as a fire, flood, or s	storm, or an unexpected
structural deficiency such as a compromised load-bearing	
wall. A challenge or problem caus	ed by deferred maintenance
on the underutilized building does	not qualify as a unique and
immediate threat.	
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I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and	
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Approved, 2019	
	KIM REYNOLDS

Governor